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LCO No. 2041



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXPLORE CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE OPTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) The Commissioner of Social Services
2 shall consult with the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States
3 Department of Agriculture about options to provide supplemental
4 nutrition assistance, including, but not limited to, (1) state involvement
5 in any future expansion of a federal pilot project allowing beneficiaries
6 to purchase food online from authorized vendors, and (2) state
7 participation in the federal Restaurant Meals Program to allow
8 beneficiaries who are elderly, homeless or have disabilities to use
9 supplemental nutrition assistance benefits to purchase meals in
10 authorized restaurants. Not later than January 1, 2021, the
11 commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
12 general statutes, shall report to the joint standing committee of the
13 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
14 services on such options and potential costs, benefits and problems

15 associated with each option.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Social Services to explore options for providing supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]